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## HOUSE REPUBLICANS ARE BELLIGERENT

### FINANCIAL BILLS LARGEST EVER INTRODUCED.

#### Legislation Involving Many Billions to Come up This Week.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Congress works this week on three great war measures, the \$11,538,954,466 war bond and certificate, the \$3,000,000,000 revenue and the \$176,000,000 sailors and soldiers' insurance bills. The revenue bill may be sent to conference by the senate before Saturday night, by which time the other measures will have been passed by the house. Republicans of the house will oppose a few provisions of the bond bill and seek to amend it so as to provide for a war expenditures committee and the optional feature of the insurance bill will be subjected to attack, but both probably will pass about as they were drawn.

The war provision of the revenue bill, levying a total of \$1,286,000,000 is generally expected to stand.

Much oratory will be produced by the trinity of bills, however. They are of the character which in peace times would be assailed on all sides as radical and socialistic beyond measure. The two financial bills are the largest of their kind ever introduced and the insurance bill contemplates revolutionizing the entire system of compensating a nation's armed defenders and their dependents for war services.

During the Labor Day holiday the senate will continue to work on the war profits section of the revenue bill seeking to dispose of it not later than Wednesday. The house adjourned yesterday to reconvene Tuesday for consideration of the bond bill. It will be passed Wednesday. Both houses will adjourn early Tuesday to march with President Wilson in the parade of District of Columbia men drafted for the new army.

The climax in the senate fight over war profits taxation approaches with both high and low tax factions claiming victory. When the final vote on the section is taken, consideration of the income tax provisions will begin.

Other important contests are promised over the consumption taxes on sugar, coffee, tea and cocoa, aggregating \$86,000,000, which many senators believe will be eliminated; the proposed sugar "drawback" repeal, the freight and parcel post tax provisions and the McKeellar substitute providing increased postal rates on second class publications.

After sending the tax bill to conference there probably will be short but sharp discussions of peace on resolutions of Senators La Follette and Sherman suggesting promulgation of peace terms. Senate leaders expect to have the resolutions overwhelmingly beaten.

With these important measures and a new urgent deficiency appropriation bill carrying between \$4,500,000,000 and \$6,000,000,000 few leaders see any hope of adjournment before October.

## AGREE TO CALL BIG STRIKE

### Will Affect 12,000 Workmen in Seattle Shipyards.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 31.—A strike of more than 12,000 workers in Seattle shipyards and plants engaged in fabricating ship building materials to enforce demand for a general increase in wages was set for next Wednesday by officers of the fifteen affiliated unions of the Seattle Metal Trades Council, in executive session today.

Formal notice of the strike date was served upon all companies and firms that have not met the union demands. The ultimatum is that the demands made by the union six weeks ago, when they gave notice of their intention to abridge the existing blanket agreements on August 1, must be met on or before next Tuesday.

The wage increases asked are said to average 7 per cent in most of the trades. A \$6 a day minimum for mechanics is the basis of the proposed scale.

## FRENCH DRIVE TEUTONS BACK ON THE AISNE

### FRENCH OUST GERMANS FROM TRENCHES.

#### Gen. Von Mackensen's Drive Against Moldavia Doesn't Seem to Gather Force.

While the Italian offensive has the aspect of larger importance, the French assault in the Hurtebize region on the Aisne front Friday evening was perhaps the most interesting development of the twenty-four hours. In one sweep, after brief artillery preparation, Gen. Peñain's troops drove the Germans out of their trenches along a front of nearly a mile on the Chemin Des Dames and pushed the French lines forward more than 300 yards. The newly won ground was held against three counter attacks, Paris declares.

In the Isonzo fighting on Friday Gen. Cardorna's troops took more than 700 additional prisoners, bringing the total for the offensive up to more than 27,000. The Italians also captured additional trench elements on the Carso.

#### Eastern Front.

From the Russo-Rumanian front the German claims of successes are growing less comprehensive. Field Marshal von Mackensen's drive against the Moldavian lines northeast of Fokshani does not seem to be gaining in force, and press dispatches have reported the Rumanians hopeful of retaining Moldavia in spite of heavy Teutonic pressure. Petrograd reports the repulse of an attack on the Rumanian lines in the Fokshani region.

There is more artillery activity than usual along the Russian northern front, but no pronounced movement against Riga such as was suggested by Friday's Petrograd advices has as yet developed.

#### In Macedonia.

In Macedonia the Entente troops have attacked at several points. Berlin reports repulses of the Italians, Serbians and French in attempts upon German-Bulgarian lines.

With the closing of a week of comparative inactivity along the western fronts numerous signs of a revival of an offensive are apparent.

In Flanders the British guns are again thundering the threat of renewed infantry thrusts against the German lines. The French, while comparatively quiet in the Verdun region, are giving another display of their successful dashing tactics in the Aisne region. On the Austro-Italian front, Gen. Cardorna apparently has aligned his forces for another drive in force on the Balniza plateau and is again edging forward toward Trieste on the Carso.

#### Rumanians Repulse Teutons.

Petrograd, Sept. 1.—Increased artillery fire in the Vilna and Smorgon-Krevo sectors toward the northern end of the Russian front is reported in today's official report. The repulse by the Rumanians of an attack in the Fokshani region on the Rumanian front also is announced.

#### French Make Gains.

Paris, Sept. 1.—French troops on the Aisne front opened an offensive yesterday in the Hurtebize region. In one sweep, they carried all their objectives on a front of more than three quarters of a mile to a depth of more than 300 yards.

The captured ground, says the official statement making this announcement, was held against three counter attacks.

#### TO ANNOUNCE COAL PROGRAM NEXT WEEK

Washington, Aug. 31.—The government's complete coal control policy will be made public next week, Dr. H. A. Garfield, the fuel administrator, announced today. Dr. Garfield left tonight for Williamstown, Mass., to spend several days, and will prepare a statement on the subject while away. One of Dr. Garfield's first moves may be to fix a scale of retail coal prices. Many officials believe there is no chance of bringing down commercial costs to the consumer until some step is taken toward controlling retailers.

## DISCIPLINE IS FIRST SAYS GEN. O'RYAN

### MEN WILL UNDERGO THOROUGH TRAINING.

#### Pleased With Progress at Camp Wadsworth Where He Will Be in Command.

Spartanburg, Sept. 2.—Major Gen. O'Ryan, commander of the Twenty-seventh division, United States army, at his first formal meeting with newspaper men here this afternoon made it clear that the supreme purpose of the training the troops are to receive will be discipline.

An automatic response to orders must be the basis of all training for the soldiers and after that is established throughout the personnel of any army the technical, the tricks of fighting may come along readily, is the general's idea. He said he did not fancy the word severe, in this connection, but he added the training here is going to be rigid with the utmost emphasis placed by all officers on the observance of all orders by the men.

Gen. O'Ryan spoke at some length of the importance of discipline and the reasons for it. He said there had been a 50 per cent improvement in the discipline of the New York division on the border, and that the training here would add another 50 per cent, he believed, within the next few months.

His idea is that the little things count, and he said men could be trained as readily in the matter of discipline and obedience to orders in the mess as on the parade ground. For instance, he said suppose order is issued requiring every man to place the end of his tie in his shirt pocket, every man must do that thing, not that there is so much involved, but because it is an order.

#### Less Privileges the Penalties.

Asked concerning the punishments to be inflicted for breach of orders, the general said there would not be so much punishment as there would be the withdrawal of privileges for the infraction of rules. Of course, he added, where there is aggressive offense punishment will be administered.

During the morning Gen. O'Ryan visited Camp Wadsworth, where he made a superficial inspection. He said he was pleased with the camp, thought it very good, and that he was not disappointed as to the progress made by the constructing quartermaster. He said there is still much to be done, but it is estimated that the camp will be finished by September 10. He personally regarded that estimate as rather optimistic.

It is possible that the drill grounds will be rather limited, according to the general, but he said he thought additional land could be secured if need be. Headquarters building at Camp Wadsworth is not ready for occupancy, but tomorrow the administration officers will establish headquarters in the mess shack now being occupied by Gen. O. L. Phillips, who was in command upon the arrival of Gen. O'Ryan.

#### Period of Training.

There is an impression here since the arrival of the New York officers that the period of training for the troops here will extend over three months. Of course, no official statement is made concerning the time the troops will be at Camp Wadsworth, but it is estimated that that period will certainly be necessary.

Col. Cornelius Vanderbilt, with the last section of his regiment, arrived in Spartanburg early this morning. They are at Camp Wadsworth and have spent the day establishing their camp. He and Gen. O'Ryan met while the general was at the camp this morning.

#### CAROLINIANS REACH CAMP

#### Engineer Corps Arrives at Camp Mills, N. Y.

Mineola, N. Y., Aug. 31.—The first separate battalion engineers' corps, of South Carolina, now the 117th engineers, and the second separate troops of Louisiana cavalry arrived at Camp Mills today to join the Forty-second division. The South Carolina battalion numbers 720 men and sixteen officers.

## GERMANS HAMMERING AT THE GATES OF RIGA

### ANOTHER SMASHING BLOW IN FEW DAYS.

#### Great Port on Baltic Beset on Three Sides with Slavs Unable to Check Invaders.

The Germans are knocking virtually at the gates of Riga, and with the Russians apparently unable to withstand their advance.

The great port arsenal on the Baltic and the head of the railway line running to Petrograd is beset on three sides by enemy on the west in the Lake Babit region, on the southwest near Mitau and on the southeast along the eastern bank of the Dvina river, a scant fifteen miles distant from the city.

In the latter region the Germans after a heavy bombardment, won the Uskull bridgehead, famed as the scene of many sanguinary encounters, and crossed the Dvina river. There they shaped their course northward along the waterway toward Riga, with the Russians counterattacking, but unable to check them.

#### Big Battle On.

Some twenty miles southwest of Riga, along the railway line running from Mitau to the seaport the Germans have begun a new offensive. Here a big battle is in progress, but in whose favor it is going has not yet been made evident by the Russian and German official communications. Neither is anything contained in them concerning the operations near Lake Babit, where the Germans were last reported, about twelve miles west of Riga.

Preparations evidently were made last week in raids by airplanes on warships and military works in the Gulf of Riga and by the maneuvers of German torpedo boat destroyers, submarines and mine-sweeping trawlers in adjacent waters for the new offensive against Riga, but whether the attack is being carried out simultaneously by sea has not become apparent.

#### Petrograd Safe.

While the capture of Riga would be of great strategic value to the Germans in controlling the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, at the head of which stands Petrograd, it would not necessarily place the capital in jeopardy for it lies overland 300 miles, as the crow flies, from Riga and 360 miles by rail.

In Southern Moldavia the Russians, fighting near Fogshani in conjunction with the Rumanians, evidently have ceased their desertions and again are facing the enemy. Here, according to Berlin, they have delivered heavy counter attacks against Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces. Near Braila, southwest of Galatz, on the Danube, the Germans were repelled in an attack on the Russian front.

#### Italians Extend Gains.

On the Italian front Gen. Cardona's forces have extended their gains on the Brestozizza plateau, on the slopes of Monte Sangabriele and east of Gorizia, and have taken additional prisoners and war stores. Five Italian airplanes have flown from the Italian front over Vienna and dropped pamphlets telling the Austrian people of the victory of the Italians from Tolmino to the sea.

In Belgium the British big guns are continuing to bombard violently the German positions, evidently preparing the way for another smash. The infantry activity here and also in the south in France is mainly in the nature of raiding operations.

Heavy artillery duels also are in progress along the Aisne, in Champagne and in the Verdun sector.

#### MANAGER FOR RED CROSS

Atlanta, Aug. 31.—William Lawson Peel, a banker of this city, has been appointed manager of the Southeastern Division of the American Red Cross, it was announced here tonight. C. D. Bidwell, also of Atlanta, was named assistant manager.

Mr. Peel will have charge of Red Cross work in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and a part of Tennessee, the announcement said.

## CHANCE FOR BOYS TO SERVE COUNTRY

### URGES THE BOYS TO JOIN WORKING RESERVE.

#### Spend Spare Time in Productive Enterprises Without Interrupting Their Studies.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Young men of the country between the ages of 16 and 21 not employed are called upon by President Wilson to serve the nation by joining the United States boy's working reserve. In a letter made public today by Secretary of Labor Wilson, the President says it is the patriotic duty of these young men to use their spare time in productive work and help support the nation in the present crisis. The President's letter follows:

"Permit me to express my great appreciation of the work undertaken by the United States boy's working reserve of the employment service of the Department of Labor. To give to the young men between the ages of 16 and 21 the privilege of spending their spare time in productive enterprise without interrupting their studies at school, while their older brothers are battling in the trenches and on the seas, must greatly increase the means of providing for the forces at the front and the maintenance of those whose services are needed here. It is a high privilege, no less than a patriotic duty, to help support the nation by devoted and intelligent work in this great crisis.

"Let me express the hope that the young men of the country not permanently employed may eagerly enter the boy's working reserve to fit themselves by training and study for good citizenship and productive service. In this way they can show themselves worthy of patriotic fathers who have fought for democracy in the past, sustain their patriotic brothers who are fighting for it today, and command the affectionate pride of the brave mothers who are silently bearing the burdens at home."

#### RUSSIANS ABANDON RIGA

#### Order Given on Account of Threatening Situation.

Petrograd, Sept. 3.—The Russian have abandoned Riga, the war office announces.

The statement says an order was given for the abandonment of the Riga region on account of the threatening situation.

Some Russian detachments voluntarily left their positions, the war office reports, and are retiring towards the north.

The statement says:

"On the left bank of the river Dvina, to the west of Riga, our troops toward the morning of Sunday retired to the line of Bilderling-shof, Medem and Dahlen."

"In the direction of Uskull, on the north bank of the Dvina, in the course of Saturday and Sunday, the Germans conducted stubborn attacks, chiefly on the front in Shtah-Melmuzger-Skrithto-Lausin and the confluence of the river Oger. Toward Sunday evening they succeeded in penetrating our positions on the river Jaegel, in the region of Melmuzger and Skrithto.

"Some of the detachments voluntarily left their positions and are retiring to the north. Efforts to restore the positions by counter attacks gave no definite result. In view of the threatening situation created in the Riga region the order has been given for the abandonment of this region."

#### AIR RAID ON BRITISH COAST

#### Casualties Believed to Be Small, Says London.

London, Sept. 2.—A German air raid on the coast of England was announced tonight in an official announcement. Bombs were dropped as the airplane crossed East Kent.

The text of the statement reads: "Hostile airplanes crossed the East Kent coast at 11:15 o'clock tonight. They flew seawards a few minutes later. A few bombs were dropped. The casualties are believed to be small."

## PERSHING SAYS U. S. MUST HAVE PATIENCE

### MUST BUILD ENTIRE NEW ORGANIZATION.

#### Declares It Is Almost Impossible for People Back Home to Understand.

Paris, Sept. 1.—Major Gen. Pershing, who has remained in Paris clearing up the work at his old headquarters and who is not going to field headquarters until Sunday or Monday, declared today in connection with the plans for the coming winter that the American people must learn the meaning and value of patience and not expect that the expedition forces landed in France can be rushed immediately to front line trenches.

To put an inadequate, insufficiently supplied force into actual combat, he said, would merely be making a mistake, which the Germans unquestionably have hoped and expected the United States would make. It is the intention, rather, that when America does take her place in the line, shoulder to shoulder with the other allies next year, she will be fully prepared to go through the summer campaign and make the Germans feel the full weight of her military power.

#### Immense Task.

"While those of us who have fully studied the situation and who know what is necessary to be done," said Gen. Pershing to the Associated Press, "are anxious that the people at home strive to realize the immensity of the task in which we are engaged and shall have patience and help us accomplish that aim in the shortest possible time.

"We came into the war without an army. So now we must build an entire new organization and build it so big and so strong that we can take our place along with our allies, who already have had three years time and experience.

#### Hard to Understand.

"I realize how very difficult it is for the people at home to understand the war, to understand the effort that lies behind the war. Our problems are greater than any that France or Great Britain had to solve, but we are solving them and will continue to do so.

"It is impossible to create a vast fighting machine merely by the wave of a wand. I wish that it were possible to do so and that we might be fighting the German government this minute. We know that the only way to defeat the German army is to hammer it and keep on hammering it. That is what we expect to be doing with all our fresh strength and enthusiasm during next year's campaign."

#### SEND IN FORM NO. 102.

#### Local Boards Urged to Comply Without Delay.

Columbia, Sept. 2.—Adjutant General W. W. Moore who has charge of the mobilization of South Carolina's quota of the new national army, has received a communication from the office of the provost marshal general asking that certain local boards which have not furnished the provost marshal general's office with a copy of form 102 do so at once. Form 102 shows the names of persons whose registration cards are in possession of the local boards in the order of their liability for military service. This request was communicated today by the Adjutant General's office to the following local boards which have not yet complied with this section of the Aiken, Anderson, No. 2, Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Fairfield, Greenville, No. 1 and 2, Hampton, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, McCormick, Orangeburg No. 1 and No. 2, Spartanburg No. 1, 2 and 3.

#### COURSES IN FRENCH FOR ENLISTED MEN

Washington, Aug. 31.—Limited courses in the French language and in French geography will be given enlisted men in all the national army and National Guard training posts, the commission on training camp activities announced today.